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Meeting: Thursday September 27, 2012 9:00 am
Community Safety Building –EOC First floor

Attendance: Attendance: Robert Jefferson, AFD Chief/EMD Director; Owen Carrigan, EMD Deputy Director; Mike Rademacher, DPW Director; Susan Carp, COA; Laurie August, COA; Ashley Morrall, COA; Deputy Chief James Baily, AFD; Captain Rich Flynn, APD; Arlington Town Manager, Adam Chapdelaine; and Board of Selectmen representative, Joseph Curro; Lucille Nicholson, APS Nurse; Alexandra Ellis, Red Cross; Mark Miano, Town Facilities Manager; David Good, Chief IT Officer.

Minutes of May 17, 2012 Approved.

Update on Local, Regional, and State EM Initiatives and Meetings:

- Owen Carrigan updated on status in Regional Mystic LEPC, past monthly meetings and regional training in the Spring in Malden. Next meeting will be at the Colonial in Wakefield. All are welcome to attend.
- Jefferson discussed the July EMD meeting in Gloucester. There was small paper tabletop exercise on preparing for Hurricane. Discussed presenting at a future meeting.

Training Discussions:

- Ham Radio: Carrigan, Jefferson to meet with Ham Operator from Concord LEPC to discuss and research the use of Ham Radio. To report at next meeting.
- Sheltering Tabletop Training: The Director of Health and Human Services, Christine Connolly, identified a trainer to conduct tabletop training exercises for opening a shelter in Arlington, so the group has a better understanding on how to open a shelter, what roles people play, and how shelters work.
- Chief Jefferson discussed the July Microburst and the Town's response and after action clean-up. The Town was fortunate to have this be a concentrated event and received good response from NSTAR. We also had MEMA reps on site within an hour of the incident. In the following days the Towns crews were aided by crews from Mass DOT and Mass DCR.

Grants:

- Jefferson and Christine Connolly are both working on grants through MEMA and FEMA. The EMPG is available and we are hoping to fund a mobile emergency alert system. MRC grants are available and Christine is hoping to replace damaged supplies and restock inventory.

Flu clinic update and language challenges:

- Director Connolly discussed the schedule for the upcoming Flu clinics. She also mentioned some challenges with language barriers and citizens seeking help at the clinics. There is a flip chart that is used to help but discussion was held to see if tablets that interpret languages could be used. Dave Good to look into a "show me" program for tablets.

-Lucille Nicholson updated on schools flu schedule.

New Business:

- Jefferson discussed the need for emergency power for schools for sheltering. He will work with Mark Miano and DPW about portable generators and reverse power outlets at schools.

Meeting adjourned at 1007 hrs.

Next Meeting:

February TBD, 2013 at 9:00AM

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